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In the Specification:

Amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 19-26, as follows:

Figure 1 shows a communication system including a number of routers. The communication system includes edge routers (ER1 (102), ER2 (106), ER3 (108), ER4 (110)) and routers R1 (104) and R2 (104) within Network A (112) and routers R3 (104) and R4 (104) within Network B (114). An edge router, such as ER1 (102), routes data between local networks, such as Network A (112) and Network B (114) and to the routers within particular networks. Typically, data packets are routed through a communication network using a networking protocol such as the Internet Protocol (IP).